Mercury Plays Pranks Among the Magnolias and Oranges.

THIRTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN NORTH

People of Washington Have No Monopoly of Cold Wave.

HE WEATHER FORECAS

The saying that "a fellow feeling makes s wondrous kind" is strikingly exemplified in the weather conditions which prevail ughout the country. There is a unamity in the freezing temperature that ight to make Washington benevolently clined toward her sister cities.

Jacksonville, ensconced by tradition under magnolias, sunshine and orange blos-soms, is blowing its fingers and toasting its toes today, while the mercury in the tube oquettes around the 20th degree above swarthy skinned Creoles have for the nonce cast aside the habiliments charicteristic of their clime, and are emulating he Esquimaux, enveloping themselves in heavy bearskins and other warm pelts ally in vogue in their distinctively

if ashamed of the achievements it has As if ashamed of the achievements it has worked in the "sunny south," the thermometer is giving an almost pyrotechnical exhibition of its wonderful register amid the usually frigid regions bordering on the lakes. From this section of the country come reports that, in comparison, make the average chizen hereabouts feel as if he were dwelling amid the tropics, not-withstanding his present uncomfortable surroundings. The mercury in the section bordering on Lake Superior has, it would seem almost reached the unattainable in st reached the unattainable in performances, and hovers at in the tube marked 30 de-

is below zero.

rom other places come exceptionally thermometric readings, so that the peoof the national capital have no reason feel that they are enjoying a monopoly

"Fair and continued cold tonight and Saturday, with northeasterly winds," was

urday, with northeasterly winds," was dismal encouragement he offered to anxious inquirers who sought informa-

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Even colder weather than now exists is predicted for Florida and the central south tonight, and warnings to this effect have been sent out to different places in that locality. It is feared that the onslaught of the cold has done irreparable damage to the orange belt, and the loss may run up into the thousands. Already much loss has been caused to this branch of industry.

No Snow in Sight.

There is no snow in sight for this section of the country. The light fall of "the beautiful" here yesterday rendered walking a precarious undertaking today, and was dangerous to pedestrians and horses alike. The slippery asphalt pavements covered with frozen snow and ice were the cause of many catastrophes to both man and beast. Falls were frequent, but so far no accidents beyond a severe shaking up have been reported.

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The bracing cold weather, emblematic of Yuletide has had a tendency to bring out a full the summer of shoppers, notwithstanding the slippery condition of the pavements, and the streets and shops have been crowded all day. The buyers seemed to regard the weather conditions as ideal for their purpose.

Owing to the continued cold weather of he past few days many of the smaller lakes and ponds contiguous to the city are frozen over, affording an opportunity for those who are fond of skating to disporting them-

who are fond of skating to disporting them-selves upon the ice.

It is regarded as somewhat unusual that ice has not been formed on the Potomac. Rivermen explain this by pointing out that there is an unusual quantity of mud in the water, which owing to the swift cur-rent, requires nearly zero weather to freeze. Therefore, unless the water in the river clears up sufficiently and the waters recede, the chances are that it will afford no skat-ing space during the present cold snap.

Work of Chartices.

Work of Charities.

xperiencing just now has greatly inreased the work of the Associated Charliles, and the agents of that organization are kept busy investigating and caring for many needy cases which are daily to be et with among the deserving poor of the et all the appeals that have been made, y through the assistance rendered by titzens' Relief Association, which now erates with the associated organiza-

At the Central Union Mission it is stated At the Central Union Mission it is stated that, while the number of nightly lodgers has naturally increased during the cold spell, there have been, perhaps, not more than a score of persons seeking help in a general charitable way. The municipal lodging house on 12th street has had lately a full quota of lodgers every night.

There is a constant demand upon the re-

Contributions Needed.

ources of the Associated Charitles and the ficers of those organizations state that it is only through constant contributions that the poor can be cared for. Mr. Charles F. the poor can be cared for. Mr. Charles F. Weller, secretary of the Associated Charities, has recently made a tour of those sections of the city in which the really poor people live. He found in many instances that the little one-room and two-room houses were in bad repair, and that it was practically impossible for the tenants to keep warm. Yet but few if any of these people have made appeals for help. Generally speaking, it may be safely stated that there is little actual suffering among the poor. Washington takes care of its indigent population perhaps better among the poor. Washington takes care of its indigent population perhaps better than any other city in the bountry. The people are quick in their responses in any case of severe need, and it is believed the usual good record will be maintained throughout this winter.

Sad Story of Loss. While there have been really no dramatic incidents connected with the present cold snap, as far as the agents of the charities know, there have been a number of striking instances where charity has worked to where aid was desperately needed, and ye where the people benefited were reluctant to admit their extremely destitute condition. One instance was cited today at the office of the Associated Charities. A man with a wife and four children came to Washing-

of the Associated Charities. A man with a wife and four children came to Washington about a year ago with a capital of \$1,000. He invested the money in a little business enterprise. The dull summer season came on and he did not prosper. On the contrary, he went into debt, and finally his small stock of goods was sold to pay off the creditors, leaving the erstwhile storekeeper without a penny. The man sought work at once. He was unsuccessful until recently he secured a place on the list of substitute street sweepers. In this way, by working one or two days each week, he has managed to eke out an existence for himself and his family.

Secretary Weller found that the man, who so recently was living in quite respectable and comfortable style, now abides with his wife and two children in a hovel composed of two rooms. There they have a small cook stove and but one bed. Several of the children were compelled to sleep on the floor with insufficient covering. The cold weather brought actual suffering to the family, and finally in desperation the man appealed to the Associated Charilles. He told his story with great reluctance. The man had no undercother bor on overcoat. The case was at once taken up, and an effort will be made to secure another bed and warm clothing for the man his wife and his children.

COLD IN SOUTHLAND need not be of greatest importance, are helpless in the cold weather and go to the

Subscriptions Received. The following subscriptions for the As-sociated Charities have been received at The Star office: The star once:

Cash \$1.00
M. K. 5.00
The following additional contributions have been received by the Associated Charties:

S. B. Platt \$10.00 Frederick A. Miller
Thomas W. Smith.
Conrad Becker.
Rudolph, West & Co.
Cranford Paving Co.
Justice Horace Gray
John A. Skasson.
Dennison School
Berret School
Johnson School
Harrison School
Harrison School
Force School

MRS. DENNIS BETTER.

A further improvement was shown today at noon in the condition of Mrs. Ada Gil-

bert Dennis, much to the surprise of her attending physicians. Should she continue to improve as she has during the past two days, the doctors think she may be fully conscious tomorrow. The patient is being kept perfectly quiet. She rested bear last night than she has any night since the assault was committed, took some nourishment and seemed to suffer little if any pain.

Detective Helan remained at the hospital

during the night and was relieved this morning by Detectives Hartigan and Mc-Namee.

The officers hope that Mrs. Dennis' condition will continue to improve, and should she regain consciousness they believe she will give the present information which will will give them some information which will assist them in their efforts to solve the

will give them some information which will assist them in their efforts to solve the mystery.

The investigation of the case is practically at a standstill, although the police are endeavoring to secure some additional information concerning Samuel C. Presley, the printer who committed suicide in the boarding house adjoining the residence of Mrs. Dennis.

Yesterday afternoon Major Sylvester received a copy of the New Orleans Picayune which contained an article to the effect that Presley was suspected of complicity in a murder in Gainesville, Tex, fourteen years ago. Two girls, it appears, were found murdered in their bed. A hatchet was the weapon used, and their heads were chopped and beaten. There was never any proof of Presley's connection with the crime.

It was also stated in the paper named that Presley had been implicated in a shooting affray. To his friends it was reported Presley said he had used the revolver in self-defense.

Hugh Watson, a former business partner of Presley, called on Capt. Boardman today and said he was certain the double murder was not committed by Presley. The deceased, he said, was a gambler, and at times imbibed too freely, but he was not a man who was given to violence.

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man who was given to violence.

This afternoon the patient was said to be in about the same condition as was reported at noon. She was holding her own well, and the detectives seem to think she is on

May Be the Eleventh Victim of Suho Furnace Disaster. PITTSBURG, Pa., December 20.—The po-

ice were notified today that Alexander Clydesdale, who was in charge of the Sobo furnace of Jones & Laughlins at the time furnace of Jones & Laughlins at the time of the explosion, yesterday morning, is missing. The police believe that he has been cremated. He was married and had a family. This would make the list of killed reach eleven.

At the Mercy Hospital it was stated that the death of John Sabo was only a question of a few hours. While John Yentz is in a serious condition, the physicians stated that he had a slight chance of pulling through.

Merle Steele's Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of Merle L. Steele, seventeen ears old, who was struck and instantly killed by an express train on the Pennsyl vania railroad last night, will take place from the Hamline M. E. Church, 9th and P streets northwest, to morrow at 12 o'clock. The dead boy was a son of Rev. and Ars. J. W. Steele. He was a pupil of the Webster public school, 19th and H streets northwest, where he was a general favorite. The body will be taken to Baltimore, where it will be interred in Loudon Park cemetery.

During the present year the only foreign order for locomotives received in Austria has been one from Egypt for six, according to a report received at the State De-partment from U. S. Consul Hossfeld at

Trieste, setting forth a critical state of affairs in that empire in the locomotive in-dustry. The consul states that unless new contracts are obtained in the near future four of the five locomotive-building estab-lishments will be without work within six months. Foreign orders, it is stated, have been quite frequent in recent years, and even as late as 1900 no less than sixty Aus-trian-built machines went to Beigium and France.

Education in China.

China, it appears, has started her new reform movement upon educational lines. False education has been the bane of China in the past, and it will not be easy for her viceroys and governors, upon whom is to rest the burden of this mighty reform, to rest the burden of this mighty reform, to avoid the evils that inhere in the entire Confucian system as it operates under modern conditions. If we measure men by the results of their works and precepts, Confucius must be venerated as the world's greatest benefactor; but he created the China of the past. The civilization he founded was the best and highest the world had seen and stood for twenty centuries above all other civilizations. But its day is over, and only the informing and enlightening wisdom of the greatest of sages remains as a basis upon which the China of today must lay the foundation of her newworld civilization. The old system is worth-less—is dead—but the philosophy and wisdom of Confucius can never perish from the earth.

That Explained It.

From Tit Bits.

A lady, who rather prided herself on her powers as a teacher of Biblical knowledge, was recently staying at a country vicarage in north Lancashire, in a district where sporting instincts prevail and where almost every male adult and very many youngsters own or have an interest in lurchers,

whippets or other dogs.

Taking, as was her wont, a class in the

Taking, as was her wont, a class in the local Sunday school and expatiating upon the Book of Job, she, in the course of her remarks, introduced the daughters of that patriarch and put to her class a question which she had previously in other places found an effective poser.

"Now, Job," she said, "had three daughters, Jemima, Kezia and — Can any one give me the name of the third?"

"Keren-happuch," said one of the girls, whose appearance by no means suggested the possession of much Biblical lore.

"You are a very good girl for studying your Bible so carefully," said the gratified teacher; "go up to the top of the class."

"She didna geet thatten east o' Bible," cried an envious classmate. "They's th' names o' her feyther's three whipputs!"

Revelled in the Rata.

A Los Angeles man, who visits Portlan occasionally on business, happened to be here during the heavy rains of a few days ago. Instead of making sarcastic remarks about it always raining in Oregon, he was delighted with the rain—as, in fact, was everybody—and the harder it rained the more delighted he became. He said that the people of Los Angeles would give almost anything for such a rain, and that always after returning home from a view

With Exposition.

ST. LOUIS, December 20.—The first public celebration in connection with the world's fair to be opened in St. Louis in 1968 in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Louislans purchase was held today, when ground was broken in the site in Forest Park. This day was selected for the important event because it is an anniversary of the formal transfer of the Louislans territory to the United States. The day was a boliday in United States. The day was a holiday in St. Louis and throughout Missouri, as well as in most of the purchase states, whose governors issued proclamations asking for a general observance of it as "Louisiana" purchase flag day."

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Owing to the severity of the weather the parade and other outdoor demonstrations were abandoned.

At the appointed time directors and officers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, General John C. Bates, Major Henry K. Hunter, 15th United States Cavalry, and other army officers, governors of states, and guests, assembled at the St. Louis Club. Carriages were taken and the party was driven to Forest Park, where the ceremony of breaking ground was carried out. A huge fire had been built on the structural site of the educational building to soften the ground.

PHILADELPHIA TO GO TO PANAMA.

Cruiser Receives Rush Orders From This City to Sail. SAN FRANCISCO, December 20. — The Bulletin says: Rush orders have been received from Washington, directing that the cruiser Philadelphia sall from here at once with all speed for Panama.

THREE MEN SUFFOCATED.

One Died From the Effects-Laborers PITTSBURG, Pa., December 20.—One man is dead and three others are in a critical is dead and three others are in a critical condition at the boarding house of John Cotaisk, Etna, Pa., as the result of suffo-

cation, Dead: John Milinski. Critical: Stanislaus Dech, Thomas Polloc, John

MARCONI CALLED TO LONDON.

Wireless Telegraph Promoter Hope ful of Ultimate Success. ST. JOHNS, N. F., December 20 .- As the

result of the receipt last night of important cable messages from his company in London, Marconi thinks it probable that he will sail on the steamer Sardinlan, leaving St. Johns Sunday night for Liverpool In that case he will return within a month.

Marconi hopes to find time before he leaves
to select a site for a permanent wireless telegraph station, so as to expedite matter to that extent in the event of his being enabled to continue his work here. He is more hopeful now of a satisfactory solu-tion of the difficulty with the Anglo-Amer-

tion of the dimenity with the Anglo-American Cable Company.

The inventor conferred yesterday aftermoon with Premier Bond and will have a conference today with the former premier, Sir Wm. Whiteway, who, yesterday, in a published letter, advocated the legislature cancelling the Anglo-American Cable cancelling the Anglo-American Cable Company's monopoly, if necessary, in order to hold Marconi in the colony, the com-pany to be compensated for any losses sus-tained in being deprived of the monopoly during the unexpired period. Mr. Morris, Premier Bond's chief lieuten-ant, has piedged Marconi the government's support wherever possible.

Cicero Harris Hanged.

BRISTOL, Va., December 20.-Cicero Har is, colored, was hanged in the Virginia ourt house yard at 10:57 o'clock. He was was shipped to the University of Virginia nedical department at Charlottesville.

medical department at Charlottesvine, Cicero Harris killed Samuel Ware, also colored, on September 28 last. Harris was sentenced to hang October 15. The stipreme court sustained the lower court and sentenced him to die November 22. Governor Tyler respited Harris to December 20.

Steamship Arrivals. At Plymouth-Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse

At Queenstown-Lucania, from New York or Liverpool. Herbert Squires Arrives at New York

NEW YORK, December 20.-Herbert Squires, secretary of the United States legation at Pekin, arrived here today on board the steamer Barbarossa, from Bremen.

J. H. Glover a Suicide. NEWARK, Ohio, December 20.-J. H. Glover, secretary of the Jewett Steel Car Works and formerly superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Connellsville, was found dead in his office today with a bullet hole in h's head. It was evi-dently a case of suicide. He leaves a widow but no children.

Diss de Bar Goes to Prison LONDON, December 20.—The jury re-turned a verdict of gullty against both Theodore and Laura Jackson (Ann O'Delia Diss de Barry, charged with immoral prac-tices and fraud. The judge sentenced Jack-son to fifteen years' penal servitude and Mrs. Jackson to seven years' penal servitude.

Dectors to Consult.

DETROIT, December 20.-Dr. William Osler of Baltimore and Dr. F. W. Mercer of Chicago have been asked by telegraph to come here and join the local physicians in consultation over Gen. Alger. At the general's residence at 1:30 o'clock it was reported that there was no change in the patient's condition.

Growth of Financial "Ads."

From the Mail Order Journal. There has never been a time in the history of advertising when there had been such an enormous amount of financial advertising published by the leading papers of the United States as during the last six months. It started with the discovery of months. It started with the discovery of the oil fields of Beaumont, Tex., last spring, and has kept on since then, and promises to increase for months to come. According to a rough estimate of an advertising agency, that not only shows all these financial advertisers, but has itself handled nearly \$300,000 of this advertising, there has been placed at least \$1,000,000 of financial advertising since March, 1901, 80 per cent of which was in connection with Texas oil discoveries.

The Aurors Borealis.

Under the action of the ultra-violet rays the charged particles would gradually move to the less illuminated regions of the earth—to the poles. Since cathode rays tend to follow the lines of force in a magnetic field, the rays will near the equator lie in the upper air, where the lines of force are parallel to the surface of the earth. At the poles, where the lines of force dip toward the earth, the cathodic rays dip downward and reach denser strata of air, and here the phenomena of the aurora are produced. The dependence of the period of the aurora are produced. The horovar relations all harmonize with the theory that the northern lights are produced by oathode rays arising from negatively electrified solar particles. A far-reaching explanation like the foregoing cán only be summarized here. magnetic field, the rays will near the

Why the Snow is White.

From the Ladies' Home Journal.

Why is the snow white is a question free Why is the snow white is a question frequently asked. Because black snow would be dangerous, so would red or yellow. These are "warming-up colors." and they change the sun's rays to heat. Such anow would soon melt again and prove a very poor protection. But white snow throws back the sunlight in just the form in which it receives it, and thus the snow can be long on the ground. Throw dirt on the snow, and its dark color quickly makes it eat its way in whenever the sun shines on it. After a snowstorm once let the horses feet mingle the dirt of the road with the snow and sleighing will soon be over.

Alger, former Secretary of War, who is suffering from a nevero attack of gall stones, passed a very comfortable night and is resting easily this morning. The operation which it was intended to perform today has been postponed until tomorrow as a result of General Alger's improvement.

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A dispatch from Betroit Mich, last night says: General R. A Alger, former Secretary of Wan is suffering from a severe attack of sail stokes. A consultation of physicians was held at his residence today, and it was decided that unless General Alger showed considerable improvement by tomorrow as special in would be performed on him to refleve the trouble.

Tonight Dr. H. W. Longyear, one of the consulting physicians, reported that the patient had been very comfortable the

ient had been very comfortable the ter part of today, and said that if he ter part of inday, and said that if he tinued to improve during the night he not think an operation would be necessay. Asked whether General Alger was a dangerous condition, he replied:

He is in a critical condition, but I do think it should be called deprezous at

NO CLUE AS TO DEATHS.

Mystery Attends Pinding Remains Kausas Man and Wife.

Ranson Man and Wife.

PARSONS, Kan., December 20.—The cause of the deaths of Col. John E. Bull and his wife, whose bodies were found at their home here last night, will remain a mystery with no apparent hope of solution. Owing to the decomposed condition of the bodies physicians have been unable to make a satisfactory examination. One theory advanced is that death was caused by as phyxiation from natural gas, with which the house was lighted and heated. Another theory that has gained some credence is that the couple had quarreled over a real estate deal, and that Bull had murdered his wife and then committed suicide. Col. Bull sold their home a month ago, and it is said Mrs. Bull refused to sign the deeds at first, only finally doing so after much pro-test. When found Bull was fully dresses and his wife had removed part of her cloth-ing. The coroner's inquest begun last night continues today. A. W. Bull of Plqua. Ohio, a brother of the dead man. wired today that he is en route to Parso to take charge of Col. Bull's affairs.

CHICAGO HAS A COAL FAMINE.

Severe Weather Continues Through out the West and Northwest. CHICAGO, December 20.—Chicago and the northwest have been promised a respite from the severe weather that has made rall-roads icebound, brought on a coal famine and added to the usual cold weather suffering. But so far the promise has brought little comfort. Today at 10 a.m. the official record of temperature was 8 degrees below zero in Chicago. St. Paul had 6 below, Ken sas City 4 below and St. Louis 10 below The warm blast that is predicted from the northwest has moderated the condition

somewhat at extreme points.

The coal famine in Chicago, which now is an appalling fact, has crippled business in many histonicas and threatens to force others to close. Shipments of grain have come almost to a standstill. Railroads can offer no relief until the weather moderates. MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 20.-The col MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 20.—The coid wave continues the gustout the south, and reports indicate that in some places it is unprecedentedly seyers. The temperature here dropped to 4 degrees above zero early this morning. Books plying out of this port are all laid up at the bank, being unable to run on account of heavy ice floating in the river... At Chattanooga the mercury reached 2 below zero last night, but at a a.m. was up to 9 above.

OLD LONDON FIRM FAILS.

William Sargeant, Was Long on Fall-ing Copper Market. LONDON, December 20.—The failure was announced on the imetal exchange today of William Sargeant, head of one of the

idest andsbest firms in the metal market oldest analytest firms in the metal market.

Mr. Sergeant, who was chairman of the committee of the exchange, was long 2,000 tons of copper. He was also said to be on the wrong side of the tin market. His liabilities are variously estimated at from 200,000 to 560,000. The market was demoral red on account of Mr. Sargeant's failure. Copper. dropped fi and tin declined f7, to 508. Both partially recovered, but little business was done.

The Young Girl in Society.

From Harper's Weekly.

Mrs. Mary St. Leger Harrison, a daughter of Charles Kingsley, known as a writer as Lucas Malet, has been giving some consid-eration to questions relating to "American Society," She finds that our "society" has drawbacks, and instances as the most nota-ble among these that in the United States "the young girl is of too much importance." Ordinarily we resent the imputations put upon us by foreign, critics, but in this instance we are rather giad to acknowledge the corn, and to add further that we giory in our weakness. No man ever lost anything of his fineness by trying to live up to the ideal the young girl has of him. No raconteur, ever found greater spur to the telling of his stories in the best possible form than that, which comes through the knowledge that the ear of a fresh and cager mind is hanging upon his words. No brilliant conversationalist ever found his brilliance dimmed is the presence of a young creature whose appreciation of his wit and wide range of knowledge was as yet unduiled by the leng years of contact with a blase world. We unquestionably do pay s great deal of attention to the young girl in this country, and it has been one of the refining elements of our social evolution and we venture to think that when we change our plan, and sequestrate the young girl in the sacred precincts of the nursery, we shall not only stunt her development to her own very great wrong, but build up for ourselves a new society which shall be a selfish, hollow sham; devoid of charm; devoid of freshness; devoid of life, beauty and happiness; and made up of groups of erudite egotists than whom there is no greater bore in all creation.

Chinese Philanthropists. the young girl is of too much importance

Chinese Philanthropists.

From the Universal Gazette. The rich people of the west are very fond of building schools, hospitals or other public works at their own expense. In such cases the building usually contains a tablet in their honor or their portrait in oil bein their honor or their portrait in oil being in a conspicuous place. China in an cient times that like-minded philanthropists of means who built asylums for the aged, widows' orphunages, hospitals and free dispensaries; in the cold weather soup kitchens were opened, bridges were built and repaired. These are all evidences of public spirit and a benevolent heart. In recent years food and famine have called forth similar examples of munificent donations to relief funds. Our Chinese do not come behind the foreigners in these respects. True, there is often too much doubt in their minds regarding the disposal of charitable funds and hence they hestate to subscribe. Many rich men are coming forward now to build schools.

Manicipal Art.

From the London Chemicle.

A remarkable art movement, of which the Belgian Municipal Art Association was the initiator, has for some time been active in Belgiam. The association has over 4,000 members, including, besides artists, architects, sculptors and engravers, many prominent public men, and has branches in the great cities. The main object is to redeem the public thoroughfares from their ugliness, and give back to them some of that picturesque effect which the mansions in the Grandes Piaces of Brussels and Anthere and Bruges show that they once had. The association is subsidized by the municipalities of the leading cities. The improvements largely take the direction of beautiful and appropriate facades to public and private buildings. One of these in Brussels is the shop of a fashionable jeweler, another that of a chemist. These creations are the work of leading artists. The movement has extended to Germany and Italy, and there is plenty of scope for it here.

FIGHT IMMINERY IN KENTICKY.

trmed Men Ready to Resist Removal CINCINNATI, December 20.-A serious cincinnati, December 20.—A serious class of armed sien is threatened at Cold Spring, Campbell county, Ky., a few miles south of Newport, over the question of taking care of fall prisoners who have the smallpox. The county board of health ordered the immates of the new infirmary at Cold Spring remayed to a hospital and the Cold Spring removed to a hospital and the smallpox prisoners taken from the jail to

When this became known bells were rung at Cold Spring and a citizens' meeting was held, and under the leadership of Judge Brown armed men were sworn in today and formed along the pike to prevent carrying out the orders of the board of health. Meantime an injunction was obtained from Judge Hoge, and the sheriff began organizing an armed force to carry out the order of the board of health.

AL NEILL BESTS TOM TRACY. Hot Fight fer Eighteen Rounds in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 20.—Al Neill of San Francisco and Tommy Tracy of Australia last night met in the ring for the third time at the exposition building and Neill won in the eighteenth round. In the first round Neill landed on Tracy's chin with his right and and and and and account of the rest of the with his right and cut a gash an inch in length from which the blood flowed in a stream. During the first five rounds Neill jabbed Tracy on the right eye with his left and all but closed that member. After the fifth round Tracy did some effective work and during the next eight rounds landed with his right on Neill's stomach. The fighting was fast and Tracy proved to be a good in-fighter, but Neill kept up his jabbing on the face. In the seventh Neill commenced to upper cut Tracy, and at the end of the round Tracy appeared tired. In the eighteenth Tracy landed on Neill's head and Neill came back with an upper cut. After a climch Neill landed with his right on Tracy's jaw and he went down. Tracy was unable to respond to the call of time, and Referee Joe Aston gave the fight to Neill. ed Tracy on the right eye with his left

ST. LOUIS TO PERMIT BOXING. Chief of Police Intimates He Will Authorise Bouts.

Authorise Bouts.

ST. LOUIS, December 20.—Chief of Police Kieley has stated that his edict against boxing may possibly be modified in the near future, and that bouts may be permitted before regularly organized athletic clubs. As a result of the chief's expressions, it is probable that the boxing game will be revived in this city in the near future. Tommy White and Joe Bernstein have been matched for a fifteen-round bout before the West End Club, New Year afternoon, the winner to meet Benny Yanger.

SENATOR SEWELL REVIVES.

Recovers From the Sinking Spell of Yesterday Afternoon. CAMDEN, N. J., December 20. Senator Sewell is resting quietly this morning, and his physicians say there is no immediate

cause for alarm unless he should have an other sinking spell, such as occurred late yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Paul M. Mecray made the following

statement to a reporter for the Associated Press at 8:15 o'clock this morning: "Senator Sewell had a sinking spell of the heart about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His condition was extremely critical during the evening, but toward midnight he rallied and fell into a sleep. He passed a fairly good night and is resting easy this

morning."

Drs. Mecray and Taylor, who were in constant attendance at the senator's bedside last night, left for their homes shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. They said there was no immediate apprehension of Senator Sewell's dissolution within the next twenty-four hours, and the fact that they were leaving for their respective homes was proof that the distinguished patient was not in immediate danger.

The Turk Failed to Throw Burns. DAVENPORT, Iowa, December 20.-Mou radoulah, the "Terrible Turk" No. 2, was radoulah, the Terrible Turk No. s, was "wrestled to a standstill" by a farmer, Mar-tin Burns, last night. The Turk attempted to throw four Iowa wrestlers, including first two in eighteen minutes, but Burns kept him busy the rest of the hour. The Turk has been challenged by John J. Roo-ney of Chicago, and has accepted.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. SUFFOLK, Va., December 20.—A storage warehouse belonging to the Suffolk Peanut warehouse belonging to the Suffolk Peanut Company, and containing over 50,000 bush-els of peanuts, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$35,000; insurance, \$27,000. As there was no fire about the building, and as three Norfolk and Western freights passed shortly before the blaze was discovered, the proprietors think the fire was started by engine sparks.

Building Permits Issued. Building permits were issued today a

ollows: Herbert Bryant, to bulld a three-story brick store at 1212 F street northwest; cost \$18,000. George S. Rees, to build two three-story brick dwellings at 1919 and 1921 12th street

Schools Close for Holldays. The public schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will open until Thursday morning, January 2

Charge of Malpractice. Lydia Gallery, colored, twenty years old, is a patient at Freedman's Hospital in an apparently dying condition. The case in-volves charges of malpractice, and the detectives are conducting an investigation.

The young woman lived at 2008 10th street northwest, and was employed as a

The Easter Lily Crop. From the Philadelphia Telegraph.

Down in frostless Bermuda, not far from the sea, the great illy fields, some of them more than 100 acres in extent, are white with fragrant bloom; the smell of the sea with fragrant bloom; the smell of the sea mingles with the sweet, heavy scent of the biossoms, and negroes wend their laxy way among the flowers, gathering in the snowy harvest. From these lily farms the bulbs are sent north in August, and next Easter fiorists here will grow the flowers in their greenhouses. All the lilies used in decorating the churches at Easter are grown from these southern bulbs. It is the expensive lilies that are home-grown. As in England the roses and violets that are hawked about the streets of London at Christmas and Easter are imported from the villages along the Riviera, so the lilies that are peddled along the Bowery and the lower city, and those that are sold by the very small florists, come north in the flower from Bermuda.

Make up your mind that the Creator made you to enjoy life and have all the good things in this world necessary to your well-being and moral and spiritual growth. Think large things for yourself, for God did not set you for the narrow limit which you have in mind. Limitation in thought will certainly produce limitation in possession. If you are convinced that you will will certainly produce limitation in possession. If you are convinced that you will never have much, that you are poor and will remain so, the chances are ten to one that you will. How can you expect to expand your life, to enlarge your possessions, to widen your sphere, while you think and talk limitation? Enlarge your horizon; he generous to yourself in thought and armittion. The Creator never made people to limp along the starvation line; there are enough resources in the world to make everybody well, happy and contented. The great trouble with us is that we circumseribe ourselves by thinking within narrow limits.

EGGS TWO CENTURIES OFF Four of Them Found Upon the Ten-ing Down of an Old House.

From the New York Sun.
In tearing down an old house in the town of Hariborough, Coan, the other day a curious discovery was made. Between the partitions and surrounded by the huge timpers used in the construction of farm courses in the olden days was a hen's nes in the least. By shaking them a faint rat-tle could be heard on the inside, showing that the contents had dried up into a very that the contents had dried up into a very small mass. According to the oldest inhabitanis the house was erected 200 years ago and as no alterations or repairs were ever made at this particular spot. Judging from the condition of the timbers, plank and handwrought from nails used, it is argued that the nest and eggs must have been there ever since the house was built. The theory is that during the process of construction, biddy entered between the partitions, laid her little clutch and was debarred from completing her maternal plans—that of laying a full number of eggs and rearing a brood of chicks—by the fact that her nest was boarded in. The timbers were so heavy and the planking so thick that no rats or mice could enter, so here the eggs remained, their mission unfulfilled. The nest and eggs are now in the possession of them.

Picture Postcards in Europe.

eggs remained, their mission unfulfille. The nest and eggs are now in the possession of Henry Lord.

It is said that in France 28,000,000 picture postcards pass through the post office an-nually. That country takes the lead of all others, Austria-Hungary coming next with others, Austria-Hungary coming and the state of the state

Simplon Tunnel Flooded.

Several weeks ago there was a fall in temperature in the Simplon tunnel, now in process of excavation, through the Alps. The part of the tunnel reached was exactly under a mountain lake, and it was wor dered if this fact had anything to do with the reduced temperature. The workmen are now in the central portion of the tun nel about 10,000 feet below the mountain peaks, the usual temperature being about 104 degrees Fahrenhelt, which, of course, is too hot for comfortable working. By means, however, of water sprays and the

most thorough ventilation the heat is con-siderably reduced. most thorough ventilation the heat is considerably reduced.

A few days after the fall in temperature had been observed the workmen struck a vein of water that began to flood the south gallery. The work was stopped and a part of the men had to run at a lively rate to escape an uncomfortable wetting. No serious embarrassment resulted, however, for the flood was overcome in a few days.

"You can talk all you want to a queer names, but I've got one that caps them all," said a well-known railroad man ern part of the state. "This man's name is Thing, and he's a preacher, too. He is called Every Thing, Any Thing and sometimes Any Old Thing, but he bears it all with a patient shrug.
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"The way he got his name is rather amusing. He lives near Zumbrota, in Goodhue county. When he was a youth and his name was handed to him it was 'Hog'—yes, spelled the same way, and also pronounced that way. After he engaged upon his ministerial duties he did not care to be called a hog, so he asked that his name be changed. He appealed to the district court, and the judge asked him what name he preferred. He replied, saying anything would do. Therefore, they gave him the name of Thing, and it is his for keeps. He is the pastor of a pretty little white church, with green blinds, and everyone that knows him says he is a good Thing."

Drink Water and Get Thin

The newest reduction cure entails on its disciples fewer hardships than some of its predecessors, and its wonderful effects are praised by thoe who have practiced it. It exacts no particular self-denial. Those who are anxious to try its effects may continue to enjoy their usual diet and need renounce only water with their meals. But they are required to make up for the water they avoid required to make up for the water they avoid at meals by the amount to be drunk during the day. Not less than two quarts of water is the daily allowance. This may be taken at the times most convenient to the patient, provided that none is drunk until an hour after dinner has elapsed. If that time has passed the patient may drink his entire allowance, although in the majority of cases the required two quarts is taken in smaller amounts and more frequently. Stories are told of the new cure that make it seem more remarkable than any of its predecessors. Its results are soon noticed and are said to be as lasting as thoe of any other method of reduction. Combined with a certain degree of abtinence and exercise

Winter Work.

"I am busy these days," said the fool-

"That so?" asked the caller. "Yes, indeed. Now that people have stopped going over the falls in a barrel I must attend to those who skate around 'Danger' signs."

Washington Stock Exchange.

at 106.

District of Colembia Bonds—3.65s, funding, 125 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds—Capital Traction 4s, 1064, bid, 107 saked. Washington Traction and Electric Receipts, 70 saked. Misropolitan Railrond 5s, 117 bid, 1065, pages 106, p istrict of Columbia Bonds—3.65s, funding, 125 Railroad Stocks-Capital araction 106% asked.

National Bank Stocks-Bank of Washincton, 375 bid, 430 asked. Metropolitan, 725 bid, 890 asked. Central, 225 bid. Farmers and Mechanies', 251 bid. 300 asked. Second, 170 bid. Citizens', 185 bid. Columbia, 175 bid, 130 asked. Capital, 150 bid, 170 asked. West End, 125 bid, 130 asked. Traders', 185 bid. Lincoln, 128 bid. Riggs, 600

bid. Insurance Stocks-Firemen's, 25 bid. Franklin, 40 bid. 56 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid. 55 asked. Corcoran, 62 bid. Potomac, 67 bid. Arlington, 25 bid. 30 asked. German American, 230 bid. National Union, 7% bid. 10 asked. Columbia, 10% bid. 11% asked. Biggs, 7% bid. 8 asked. Popole's, 6 bid. 7 asked. Columbia, 10% bid. 11% asked. Biggs, 7% bid. 8 asked. Popole's, 6 bid. 7 asked. Columbia, 10% bid. 11% 6% bid.

Telephone and Graphophone Stocks—Chesapeake and Protomor, 66% bid. 16 asked. American Graphophone Com., 3% bid. 16 asked. American Graphophone Pert., 7% bid. 8% asked. American Graphophone Pert., 7% bid. 8% asked. American Graphophone Pert., 7% bid. 8% asked. Georgetown Gas, 75 bid. 80 asked. Type Machine Stocks—Mergenthaler Linotype, 1166% bid. 168% asked. Lanston Monotype, 11 bid. 11% asked.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Spurt in Copper Over the Dividend Declared Yesterday.

ATTENTION TURNED TO BAILROADS

The Coalers Especially Were in Good Demand.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

NE.. YORK, December 20.—Early inter-est centered in Amalgamated Copper, as a result of yesterday's reduction in the dividend rate to 1 per cent, and first prices were made on 8,000 shares of stock at 64%. Later a rally to 68 was recorded, but new selling forced a further setback. London selling forced a further setback. London has reduced the selling price of copper to 10% cents per pound for spot delivery, and the American trade is expecting a further cut in the near future. Now that trade conditions are being met instead of artificially ignored, the street is hopeful of more satisfactory results.

cially ignored, the street is hopeful of more satisfactory results. The stock market made a strong effort at shaking off the depressing influence of Copper, and was moderately successful for a time. The coal stocks were advanced under a good speculative demand, and seemed to meet with little selling pressure. Eric Issues advanced to the best levels of the week, and confident dividend talk on the preferred shares was heard. Reading showed a willingness to respond to the demand, which quite vindicated recent predictions as to the natural tendency of these shares.

The higher priced coal shares were strong under a fair demand based upon the profitable business now being done. Among the soft coal properties Hocking Valley was a feature, selling at top prices and reflecting a demand better than the average. In a favorable market the coal stocks seem certain of conspicuous places.

The railroad list generally was strong at times, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific making advances under mixed trading, while covering in St. Paul forced that stock up substantially. The Traction group was strong and weak by turns, traders operating on both sides of the account. Among the low-priced stocks there were signs of increasing activity concerning which there were numerous rumors, but which were active primarily because they were cheap and easily carried.

Rumors of a compact between Denyer Southwestern and Colorado Southern to construct a cut-off between Denyer and Grand Junction made those issues active. This project is regarded as an effort to force a satisfactory agreement with the

Grand Junction made those issues active, This project is regarded as an effort to force a satisfactory agreement with the Gould system, the actual building not being desirable except as a last resort. Predictions as to tomorrow's bank state-ment indicate that the banks have lost \$1,750,000 in money, but have reduced loans considerably.

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Three banks doing a Wall street business report a reduction of over \$5,000,000 in their loans. Should this reduction extend over a sufficient number of institutions, deposits should show a failing off, and again the surplus reserve may be saved from a considerable reduction, as was the case last week. There is enough in the forces at

hand to indicate a lack of material for an extensive advance in the price of stocks.

The call rate today was advanced to 8 per cent, and bankers are again cautioning clients against haste in acquiring new speculative risks. There is a widespread belief in better prices after the first of the year, due to an easier money market and the splendid earnings of the railroads. Another factor relied upon is a restoration of the banking relations with Europe, particularly with Germany, where loans have been paid off and few new accommodations offered.

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8145; January, 815,482; February, 825,483; May, 825,488; steamer No. 2 red, 786.784; receipts, 18,973 bushels; exports, 20,409 bushels; southern by nample, 728.82; southern on grade, 708.82. Corn dull; spot and the month, new, 66.65%; year, 68.65%; January, 65%,408%; May, 65%, asked; steamer mixed, 64/4,664%; receipts, 61.00 bushels; exports, 162,857 bushels; southern white and yellow corn of the first of the first

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